HIS *HIGHNESS* THE
PRINCE OF ORANGE

His *LETTER* to the *LORDS SPIRITUAL* and *TEMPORAL* *Assembled at* Westminster *in this present Convention. January* 22. 1688.

My Lords

I Have Endeavour'd to the utmost of my power to perform what was desired of me, in order to the publick Peace and Safety; and I do not know that any thing hath been omitted which might tend to the preservation of them, since the Administration of Affairs was put into my hands. It now lyes upon you to lay the Foundations of a firm Security for your RELIGION, your LAWS, and your LIBERTIES.

I do not doubt, but that by such a full & free Representative of the Nation, as now is met, the Ends of my Declaration will be attained: and since it hath pleased GOD, hitherto to bless my good Intentions with so great Success, I trust in HIM that He will compleat his own Work, by sending a Spirit of peace and Union to Influence your COUNCILS. that no Interruption may be given to an Happy and Lasting Settlement. The Dangerous Condition of the Protestant Interest in *Ireland*, requiring a Large and Speedy Succour, and the present state of Things abroad, oblige me to tell you, That next to the Danger of unseasonable Divisions among your selves, nothing can be so fatal as too great Delay in your Consultations. The States by whom I have been enabled to Rescue this Nation, may suddenly feel the ill Effects of it, by being too long deprived of the service of their Troops which are now here, and of your early Assistance against a powerful Enemy who hath Declared Warr against them. And as *England* is by Treaty already engaged to help them upon any such Exigencies, so I am confident that their cheerful Concurrence to preserve this Kingdom, with so much Hazzard to themselves, will meet with all the Returns of Friendship, and Assistance, which may be expected from you as Protestants and *Englishmen*, whenever their Occasions shall require it.

Given at St. *James's* this 22*nd*. of January 1688.

To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal Assembled at Westminster *in this present Convention.*

The *ADDRESS* of the *Lords Spiritual & Temporal* and *Commons aſſembled at* Weſtminſter *in this preſent Convention*,

Die Martis, 22. *Jan.* 1688.

To His Highneſs the Prince of Orange.

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons aſſembled at *Weſtminſter*, being highly ſenſible of the great Deliverance of this *Kingdom* from *Popery* and *Arbitrary Power* and that our Preſervation is (next under God) owing to your Highneſs: Do return our moſt humble Thanks and Acknowledgement to Your Highneſs as the *glorious Inſtrument* of ſo great a *Bleſſing* to us. We do further acknowledge the great Care Your Higneſs has been pleas'd to take in the Adminiſtration of the publick Affairs of the Kingdom to this Time: and we do moſt humbly deſire your Highneſs, that You will take upon You the Adminiſtration of Publick Affairs, both *Civil* and *Military*, and the Diſpoſal of the Publick Revenue, for the Preſervation of our *Religion*, *Rights*, *Lawes*, *Liberties* and *Properties*, and of the *Peace* of the *Nation*. And that *Your Highneſs* will take into Your particular Care the preſent Condition of *Ireland*, and endeavour by the moſt ſpeedy and effectual meanes to prevent the Dangers threatning that Kingdom. All which we make our Requeſt to *Your Highneſs* to Undertake and Excerciſe, till further Application ſhall be made by us; which ſhall be Expedited with all convenient ſpeed. And ſhall alſo uſe our *utmoſt Endeavours* to give Diſpatch to the Matters Recommended to us by *Your Highneſs's* Letter.

The Prince's Anſwer. *Die Mercurii. Jan.* 23. 1688.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am glad that what I have done, hath pleaſed You, and ſince you deſire me to continue the Adminiſtration of Affairs, I am willing to accept it, I muſt recommend to you the Conſideration of Affairs Abroad, which makes it fit for you to Expedite your buſineſs, not only for making a Settlement at Home upon a good Foundation, but for the Safety of all Europe.

Die Mercurji, Jan. 23. 1688.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal Aſſembled at *Weſtminſter*, That no Papiſt, or *reputed* Papiſt, do preſume to Come into the *Lobby*, Painted Chamber, Court of Requeſts or *Weſtminſter*-Hall, during the Sitting of this Convention: And it is further Ordered, That this Order be Printed and Publiſhed, and ſet upon the Doors of the ſaid Rooms.

An Order of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal Aſſembled at Weſtminſter, *for the Non-Obſerving the ſixth day of* February;

Die Sabbati February 2. 1688.

ORder'd by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, Aſſembled at *Weſtminſter*, That the Day of Thanks-giving on the ſixth of *February* Inſtant. On which Day the Late K. *James* the Second, came to the Crown, ſhall not be Obſerv'd in this Kingdom.

Jo. Brown Clericus Parliamentorum.

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